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## Insurance Department

## **Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting**

(http://www.insurance.utah.gov/producers/bailbond\_board.html)

<u>Date</u>: April 24, 2014 <u>Time</u>: 3pm <u>Place</u>: Teleconference 1-877-820-7831

Passcode: 827555#

## Board Members (Attendees=x)

xBrad Jenkins (Chair) Ryan Cooper (Co-Chair)

xGordon Wright xCraig Crawford xLt. Kati Booth Peter Stevens

xBrett Barratt (Non-voting Member)

Staff

xPerri Babalis xCathy Burton xSuzette Green-Wright

xJilene Whitby xPerri Babalis

Public

Matthew Ellis Ryan Johnson Christy Ellis

Steve Olson

## **MINUTES**

- General Session (Open to the Public)
  - o Welcome / Brad: 3:03pm
    - Application: Breaking Bad Bail Bonds / Cathy
      - ➤ Checked with Department of Commerce. They said Breaking Bad met all of their requirements. They do not enforce trademark issues.
      - ➤ Perri said the Board would not be open to liability if suite arose from trademark issue. They have immunity if they act in good faith, which they are.
      - ➤ Craig, Gordon and Brad expressed concern with similarity of Breaking Bad's name to other bail bond agencies. The similarities cause confusion.
      - ➤ Craig asked Kati if the name would cause a problem at the jails. She said one more similar name would not make any difference.
      - ➤ Gordon made a motion to approve the application upon a name change, which was seconded by Craig.
      - ➤ Brad asked for input from those not a part of the Board. Matthew Ellis and Ryan Johnson did not think it would be any more of a problem. Steve Olson had no comment.
      - ➤ Vote was called: Gordon –Aye, Kati agreed to accept application and the name, Brad Aye. Vote was 3 Ayes and 1 Nay. The Board recommended the application be accepted upon condition of a name change.
      - ➤ Brett commented that he understood the Board's concern but did not see a basis that the Department could deny the application and use of their name. In all likelihood the Department will move ahead with the approval of the application.
  - Other Business
- Adjourned 3:18pm with motion by Brad to adjourn.
- Next Meeting: July 9, 2014, Spruce Room, East Building